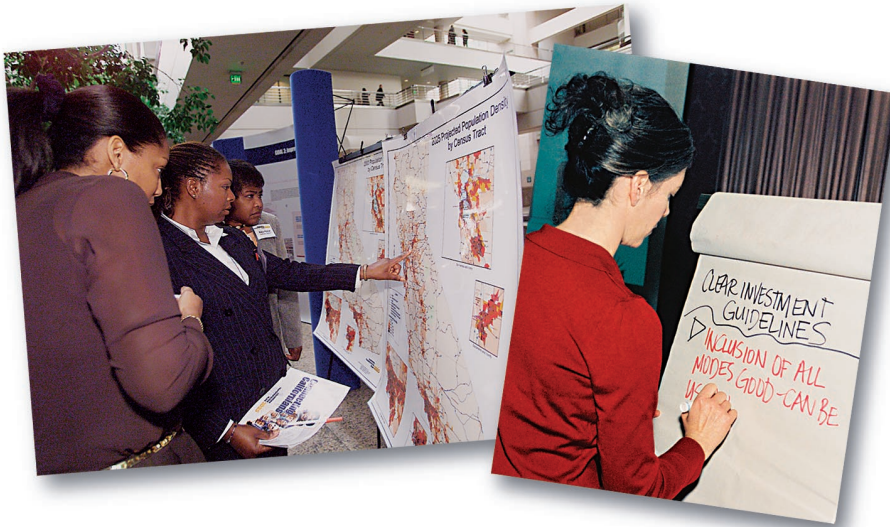


# Connecting Californians

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## Californians Envision Transportation in 2025



*CTP workshop participants discuss projected population growth in Los Angeles; CTP workshop facilitator Pam Korte takes comments during an open forum in Oakland.*

schools, Native American tribes, senior citizen groups, and businesses. The responses we heard were as diverse as the state's population, and expectations and needs as varied as the participants. Some participants insisted that we couldn't build our way out of congestion, while others suggested expanded highway capacity. One high school student stated that he wants better roads by the time he starts driving, while another youth suggested lower mass-transit fares for students.

Although participants provided diverse solutions for the state's future mobility, all recognized the challenges we face in achieving the transportation vision. Overall, the public was enthusiastic and vocal about their interpretation of the draft CTP. We listened carefully and will incorporate the public's comments into the final draft of the CTP. The entire public participation process was an exercise in collaboration.

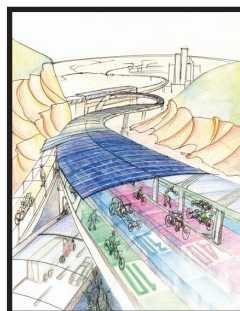
Earlier this year, Californians were given an opportunity to voice their opinion about the draft California Transportation Plan (CTP) and their future mobility. In January 2003, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) released the draft CTP, and asked Californians to review and comment upon the plan. Did we get it right? Did the draft

CTP reflect your vision and ideas about transportation in California over the next 20 years, and would the goals, policies, and strategies help us achieve this vision?

In order to measure public opinion, Caltrans took the draft CTP to our communities. We visited churches, centers for the blind and disabled, high

### CTP Art Contest

Our thanks and appreciation goes to everyone who participated and made the California Transportation Art Contest a success. The contest theme was "California's Transportation System of the Future." Artwork was judged for its creative expression of California's future transportation system in the year 2025. We received more than 2,600 entries from elementary, middle, and high schools in the state. The winners received scholarship prizes totaling \$1,250. We want to thank the Adopt-A-School Coordinators and the California Transportation Foundation for supporting our effort.



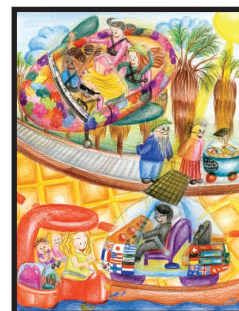
#### GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Oleg G. Mikhailik  
Aged 16  
Villa Park High School  
Villa Park



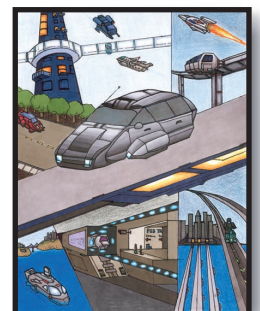
#### FIRST PLACE CATEGORY I

Aniruddha Dayal  
Aged 7  
Durham Elementary School  
Fremont



#### FIRST PLACE CATEGORY II

Chloe Hur  
Aged 13  
Sierra Vista Middle School  
West Covina



#### FIRST PLACE CATEGORY III

Jonathan Klein  
Aged 18  
St. Ignatius College Prep  
San Francisco

# The San Diego Union-Tribune.

Saturday, February 22, 2003

"Some at the workshop said they want freeways to carry more traffic, others want more efficient use of transit. Still others said transportation policy should be more friendly to pedestrians."

## How did we develop the draft CTP?

The draft CTP is a statewide, long-range transportation plan that will guide transportation decisions and investments in the 21st Century. It proposes a transportation vision for the year 2025 and beyond. The CTP provides goals, policies, and strategies to achieve this vision and to provide for safe and effective mobility and accessibility of people, goods, services, and information throughout the state.

The draft CTP was developed in collaboration with transportation system users, public and private decision-makers, and transportation providers. During Spring 2001, Caltrans held numerous focus group meetings and workshops; conducted telephone surveys, and distributed written questionnaires that asked the public "Where do we go from here?" The draft CTP was modified to reflect the public's responses.

The CTP will help ensure California's ability to compete globally, better link transportation and land-use decisions, and help achieve national goals of improving air quality, reducing petroleum energy consumption, and providing mobility for all persons.



*Connecting Californians*, a 24-page brochure, was developed to inform and make public the CTP's vision, goals, strategies, and policies. The title of the brochure implies that all Californians are a part of the solution, wherever they may live in our diverse state. The brochure, which included a postage-paid questionnaire, was mailed to more than 6,000 customers and distributed to more than 4,000 individuals at regional workshops, advisory committees, and various community and transportation meetings.

*Connecting Californians* was translated into Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese, and was also made available in Braille, large print, and audiocassette. The CTP website informed the public about times and locations of meetings, gave them the ability to download the plan and the brochure, and offered access to the online questionnaire. Public comments were also collected via e-mail, fax, and mail. The public and stakeholder review and comment period ended on March 7, 2003.

Overall, how would you rate  
the CTP?



**Meets/Exceeds  
Expectations**

The majority of workshop participants and questionnaire respondents, rated the CTP as meeting or exceeding their expectations. Most comments supported the overall "balanced transportation" system concept. Participants strongly recommended a more action-oriented plan that identifies roles and responsibilities. After everything was said and done, all comments and questionnaires were reviewed, categorized, and entered into a database. Responses from the interactive technology polling system used during the workshops were compiled, categorized and entered as well.

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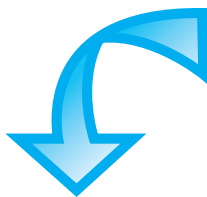
“Make it easier to provide funding through local voting.”

- Fresno workshop attendee

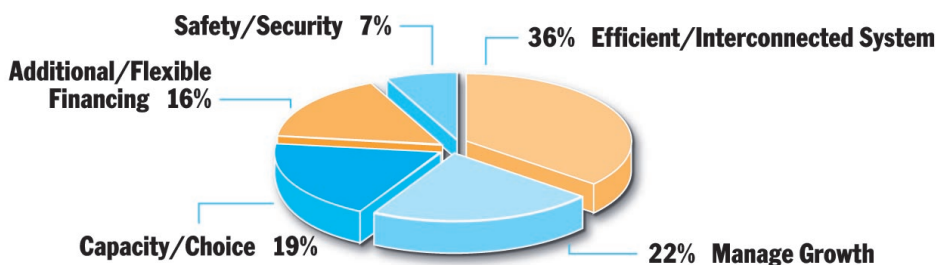


## District Outreach

Caltrans District Offices took the show on the road, presenting the draft CTP directly in their communities. They focused especially on reaching traditionally underrepresented groups, such as Native American Tribes, people with disabilities, Hispanic, Asian, and African-American communities, high school students, low-income, and senior citizen groups. Statewide, District Liaisons attended over 118 meetings and presented the draft CTP to approximately 4,000 Californians.



## The top five policies selected were:



Regional workshops (left to right): Los Angeles open house; Fresno public meeting; Sacramento participant using interactive polling technology.

## Regional Workshops

Caltrans provided many opportunities for Californians to express their opinions about the draft CTP. Regional workshops were held in Fresno, Los Angeles, Oakland, Redding, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and San Diego. Each workshop included an open-house session where attendees viewed informational exhibits, talked to project representatives, and participated in a presentation of the draft CTP.

Interactive polling technology was used at each workshop to gather information from attendees. Participants were asked to vote on the vision, goals, investment guidelines, strategies, and overall rating of the CTP. Each question was followed by an open discussion of how the CTP could improve upon the particular issue. Finally, attendees selected one policy that they considered the most important and voted on the effectiveness of the meeting to gather input. Written comments were also received during each workshop.



## Comment Advisory Committee

The Comment Advisory Committee was formed to provide input to the disposition of the comments received on the draft CTP during the 10-week review and comment period. The team was comprised of representatives from the public and private sectors, including state and regional agencies, advocacy groups, and transit providers. The committee met on April 24th and recommended the following changes to the CTP:

- Add a goods movement policy.
- Emphasize land-use in the final draft CTP.
- Expand the discussion on the costs and urgency of maintaining and operating the entire system.
- Include High Speed Rail (HSR) in the CTP and address the HSR bond initiative that will be on the November 2004 ballot.
- Add an environmental goal.
- Include an explanation on transportation planning and decision-making in California.
- Include a discussion on transportation financing.

Some comments received during the CTP Public Review and Comment Phase may be referred to the Action Element for further discussion and/or action. The Action Element will be collaboratively and regionally developed, will identify roles and responsibilities, and establish priorities for specific actions to meet the CTP's vision and goals.





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*What's Next?*

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“Set Paratransit  
standards and  
requirements: evening,  
weekend, round-trip,  
same-day service  
on request.”

- Questionnaire respondent

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### JUNE 2003

- Plan redrafted and submitted to the Governor
- Initiate work on the Action Element



### JUNE 2004

- Implement Action Element